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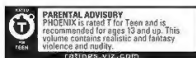
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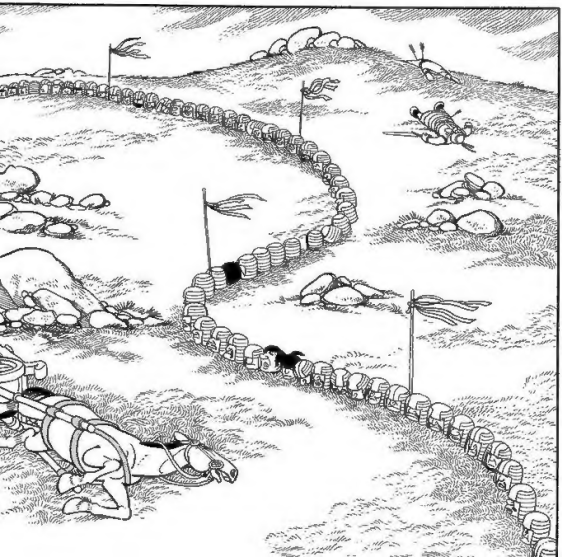
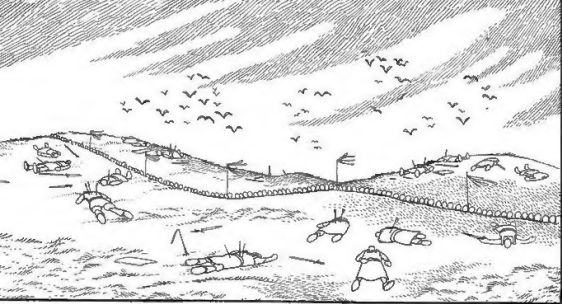
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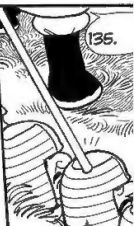
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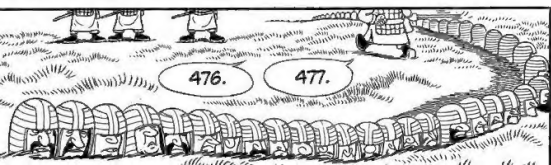
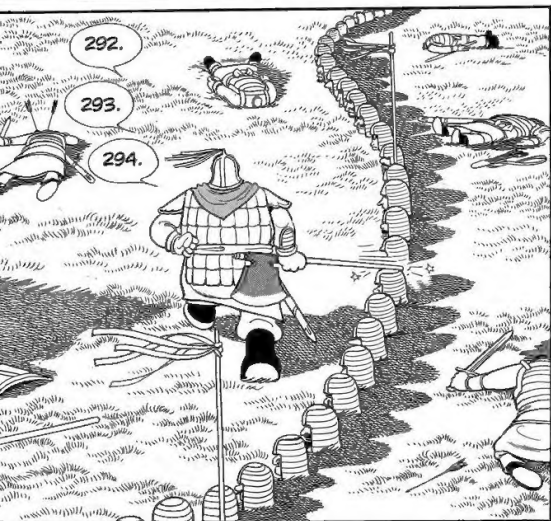
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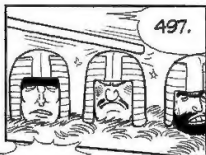
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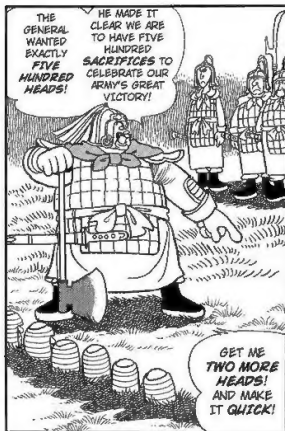
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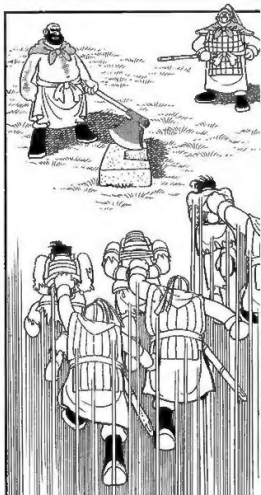
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TWO  
HEADS  
SHORT!

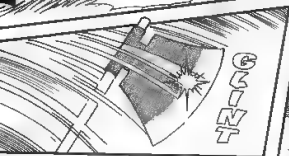
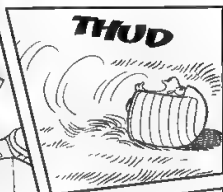


THE  
GENERAL  
WANTED  
EXACTLY  
FIVE  
HUNDRED  
HEADS!

HE MADE IT  
CLEAR WE ARE  
TO HAVE FIVE  
HUNDRED  
SACRIFICES TO  
CELEBRATE OUR  
ARMY'S GREAT  
VICTORY!

GET ME  
TWO MORE  
HEADS!  
AND MAKE  
IT QUICK!





WELL,  
THREE'S THE  
LUCKY  
NUMBER!  
YOU'RE  
SPARED!

LET'S SEE  
WHAT THE FACE  
OF SOMEONE  
WHO'S  
CHEATED  
DEATH  
LOOKS  
LIKE!

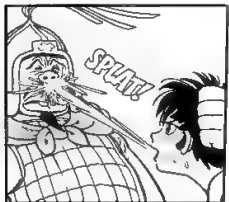
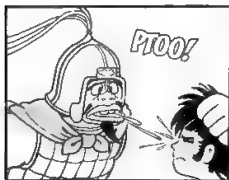


HMPH STILL  
GREEN! WHO  
WOULD'VE  
THOUGHT THEY'D  
SEND SCRAWNY  
BABIES LIKE THIS  
TO THE FRONT!?

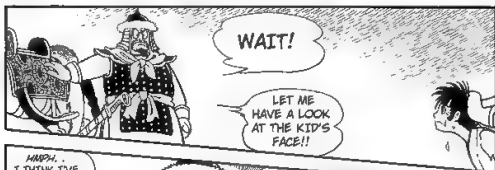


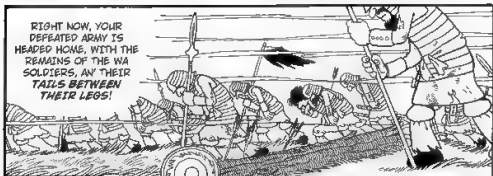
HE'S  
KINDA  
GOOD-  
LOOKING,  
THOUGH...

JUST THE  
KIND OF GUY  
I REALLY  
HATE...



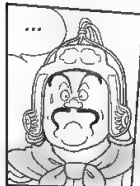


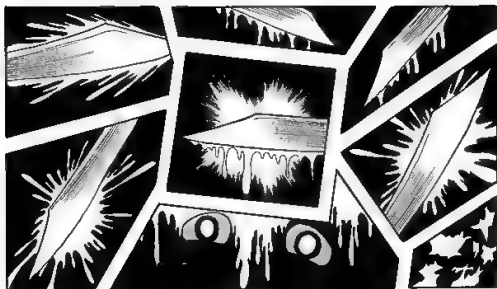










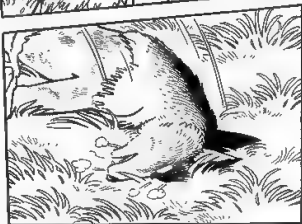
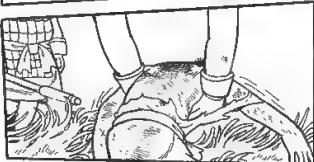


JUST THE FACE,  
SIR? WE CAN  
SKIN HIM  
COMPLETELY  
IF YOU WISH.  
HEH HEH HEH

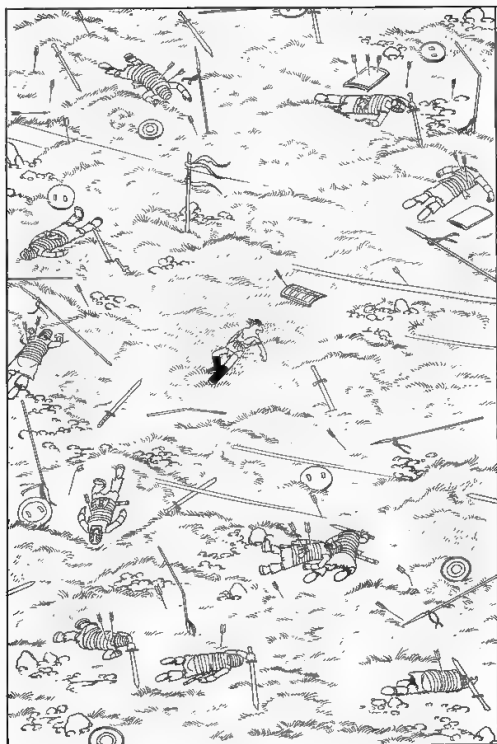
JUST THE  
FACE WILL  
DO...

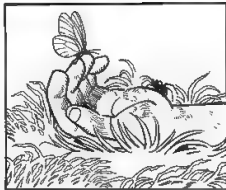
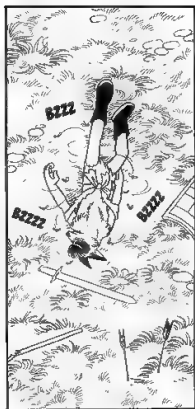
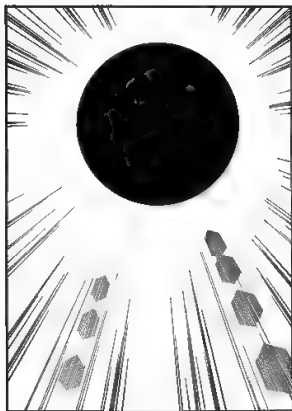


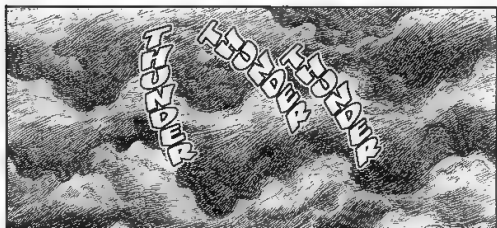
ALL RIGHT...  
NOW, PUT  
THE WOLF'S  
SKIN ON  
HIS FACE!

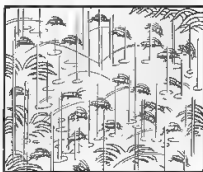




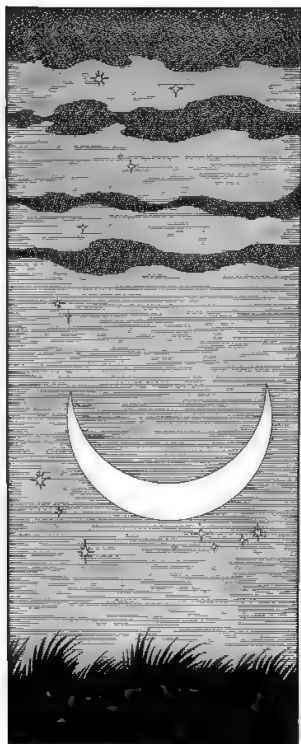






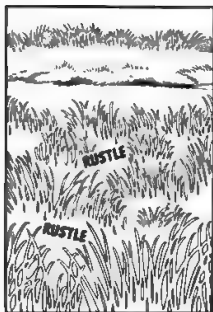


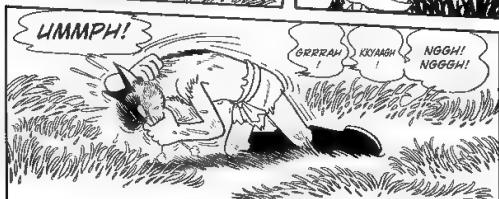




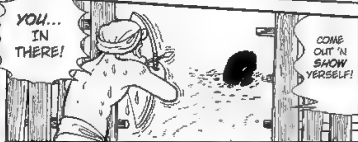


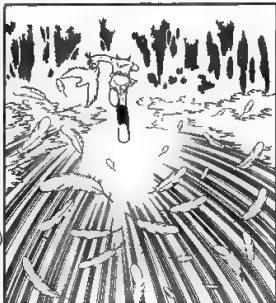




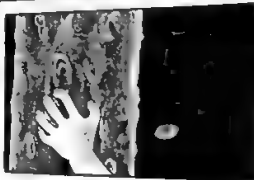
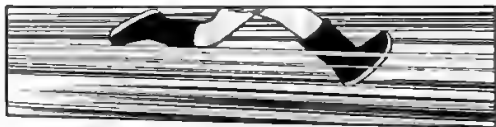


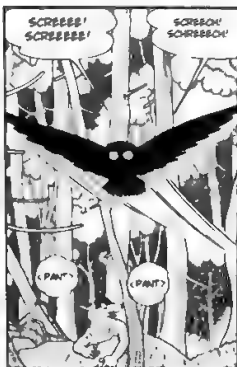


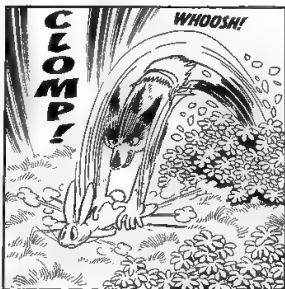


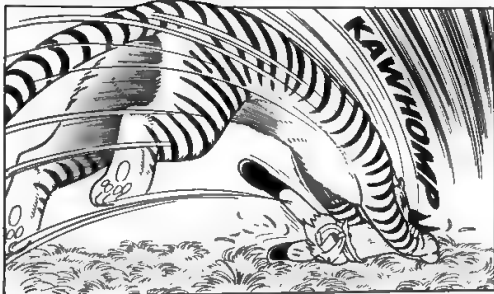


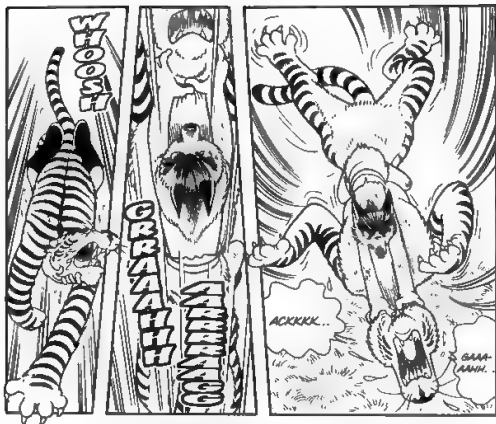




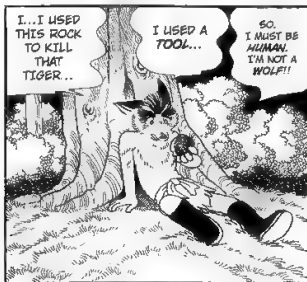








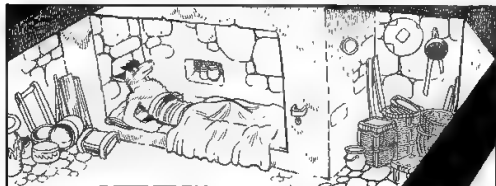




















HAHAHA



I SEEM  
TO  
RECALL A  
DREAM

BUT I  
DON'T  
KNOW  
WHERE I  
WAS.



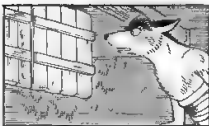
I  
REMEMBER  
BEING IN A  
STRANGE  
TOWN...



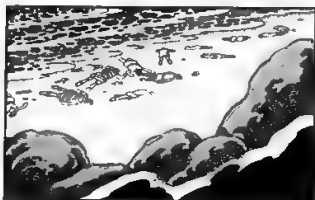
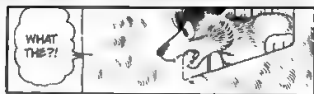
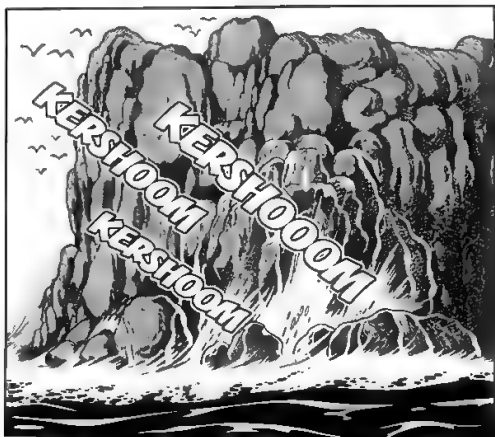
BUT I DON'T KNOW  
WHAT WAS GOING  
ON. WAS IT  
REALLY A DREAM?  
OR DID I STEP  
OVER INTO  
ANOTHER WORLD,  
PERHAPS INTO THE  
LAND OF THE DEAD?

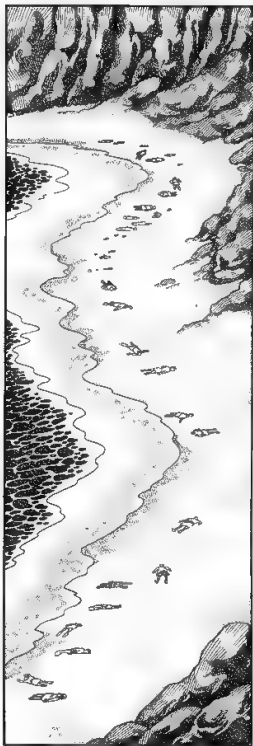


COULD IT BE  
THAT THE  
SAME WORLD  
LIES OUT  
THERE,  
BEYOND THIS  
WINDOW?

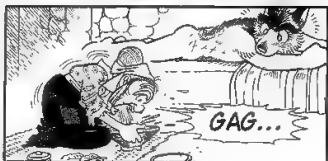


NOPE  
NOTHING'S  
CHANGED











YEEOOOOW!!  
OWWW!  
THAT HURTS!!!



OKAY,  
LET'S SEE  
YOUR  
BACK...

THOSE SLASHES  
FROM THE TIGER'S CLAWS  
HAVE BECOME INFECTED,  
AND AS A RESULT THE  
POISONS TRAVELING  
THROUGH YOUR WHOLE  
BODY. IF WE CAN CURE  
YOU WITH THIS ALONE,  
YOU OUGHTA CONSIDER  
YOURSELF LUCKY!



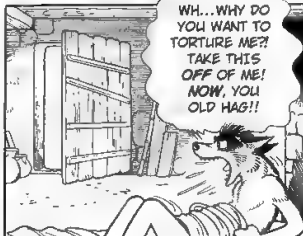
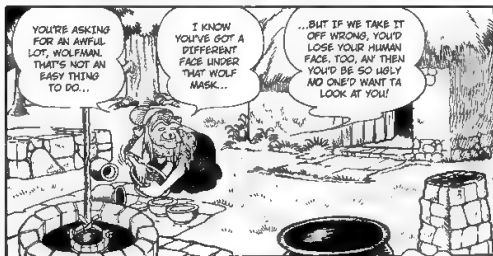
HMPH... FOR A  
WOLFMAN, YOU  
FEEL PAIN  
JUST LIKE A  
HUMAN!!

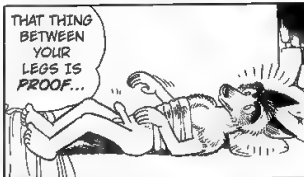


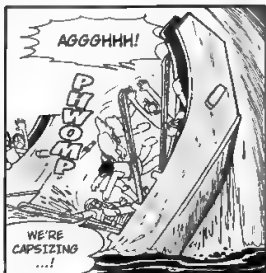
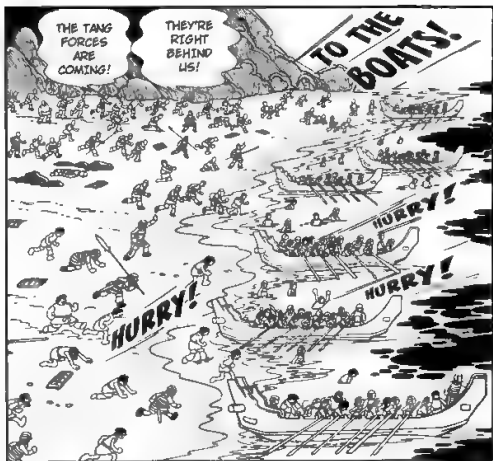
YAAATBEE!

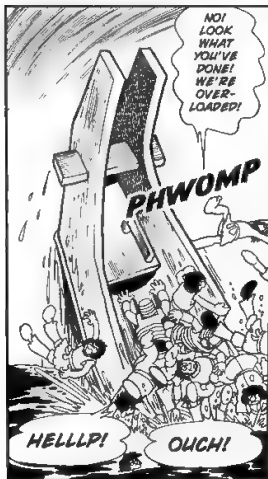


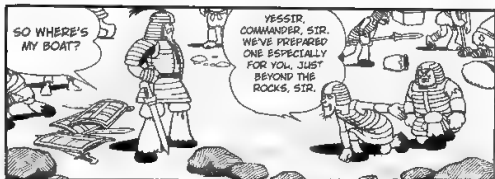
CHARU  
TESSOYO!

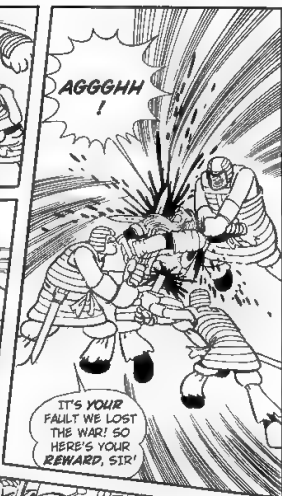
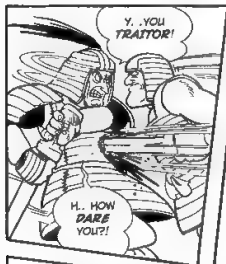
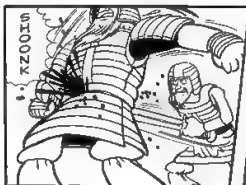




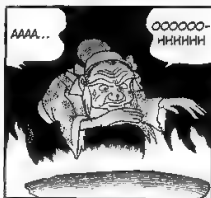
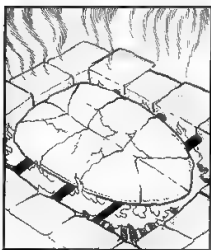
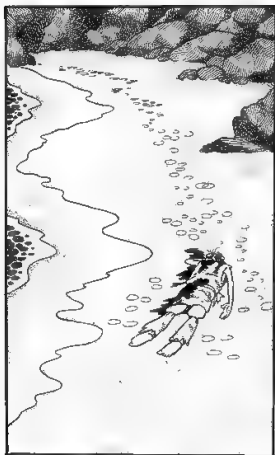














YOU THERE,  
KUCHT'ING.  
...?

IT'S  
LATE...  
WHADYAA  
YOU  
WANT?

BOTH OF  
US... WE'RE  
GOING TO  
BE KILLED!!

KILLED?!  
WHADYAMEAN?...  
WHEN...?

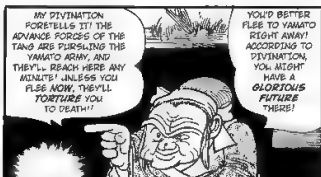
TOMORROW  
!!



**TOMORROW  
?!!  
BY WHO?!!**

**IS THE  
ENEANY  
COMING  
?!**

MY DIVINATION  
FORETELLS IT! THE  
ADVANCE FORCES OF THE  
TANG ARE PURSUING THE  
YAMATO ARMY, AND  
THEY'LL REACH HERE ANY  
MINUTE! UNLESS YOU  
FLEE NOW, THEY'LL  
TORTURE YOU  
TO DEATH!!



**YOU'D BETTER  
FLEE TO YAMATO  
RIGHT AWAY!  
ACCORDING TO  
DIVINATION,  
YOU MIGHT  
HAVE A  
GLORIOUS  
FUTURE  
THERE!**



**B...BUT I DON'T  
WANT TO GO TO  
ANY PLACE LIKE  
YAMATO..**

**LOOK AT THAT  
RED STAR,  
KUCHI'IN!!  
THAT  
REPRESENTS  
BAEKJE!  
IT'S LIGHT  
IS SO WEAK  
AND FAINT**

**BECAUSE  
THE  
KINGDOM  
ITSELF IS  
ALREADY  
DEAD!**



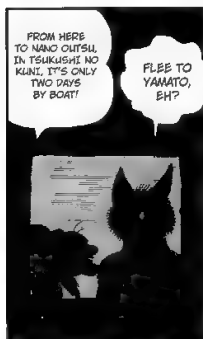
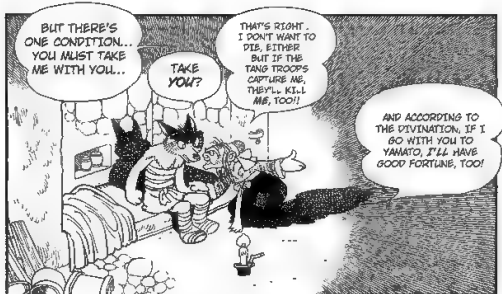
**YOU'RE OF NOBLE  
BIRTH, RIGHT? I  
CAN TELL BY THE  
WAY YOU ACT...  
WELL, BAEKJE'S  
FINISHED.**



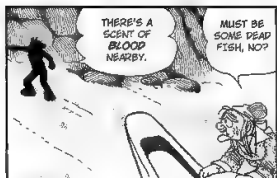
**YOU CAN'T  
GO AGAINST  
YOUR FATE,  
KUCHI'IN!!...  
IT'S ALREADY  
BEEN  
DETERMINED...**

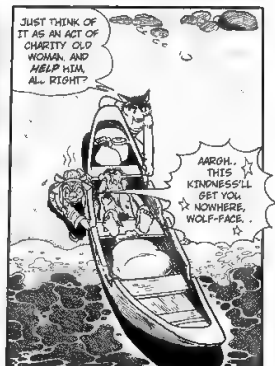


**YOU MUST  
LEAVE NOW,  
AND GO TO  
YAMATO.  
THERE'S  
EVEN A  
BOAT READY  
FOR YOU...**



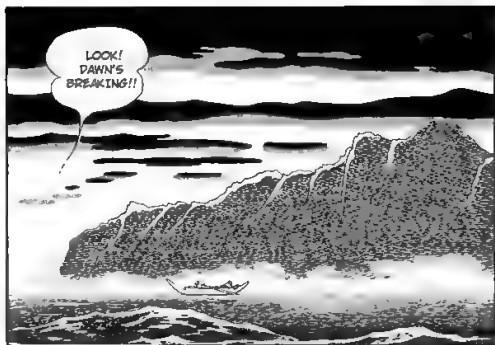




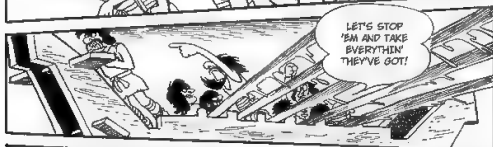












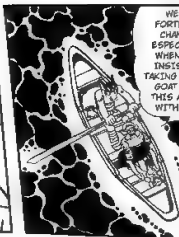
THEY'LL CATCH US IF  
YOU DON'T ROW  
FASTER... AN' IF THEY  
CATCH US THEY'LL  
ROB US AND THROW  
US INTO THE SEA  
TO DROWN!



WHAT DO YOU  
MEAN BY THAT?  
DIDN'T YOUR  
DIVINATION SAY  
THAT IF WE LEFT  
FOR YAMATO  
RIGHT AWAY, WE'D  
HAVE GOOD  
FORTUNE?



WELL,  
FORTUNES  
CHANGE,  
ESPECIALLY  
WHEN YOU  
INSIST ON  
TAKING AN OLD  
GOAT LIKE  
THIS ALONG  
WITH US!



THIS OLD  
MAN'S  
NOTHING  
BUT BAD  
LUCK.

AND AS A  
RESULT NOW  
BOTH OF OUR  
LIVES ARE ON  
THE LINE



LISTEN!  
KEEP THE  
WATER...

...BUT THROW  
OUT ALL THE  
REST OF THE  
FOOD YOU  
BROUGHT.  
MAYBE THAT'LL  
SAVE US.



WHAT?!!

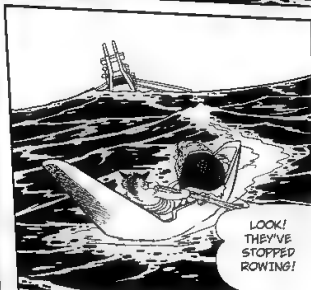
LOOK, IF WE DON'T  
HAVE ANY FOOD,  
THERE'S NO  
REASON FOR THEM  
TO CHASE US!

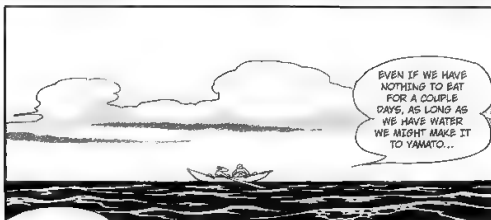
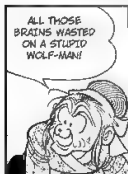
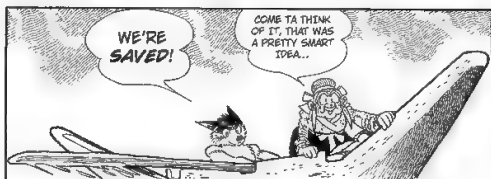
SO  
HURRY  
UP AND  
GET TO  
IT, OLD  
WOMAN!

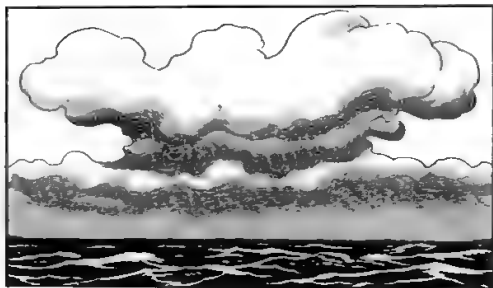


I CAN'T BELIEVE  
I'M DOING  
THIS...WHAT  
A WASTE!







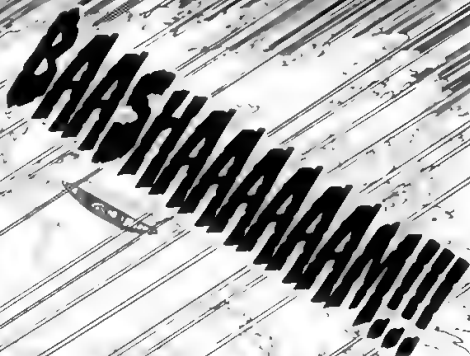




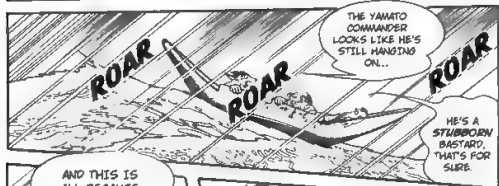
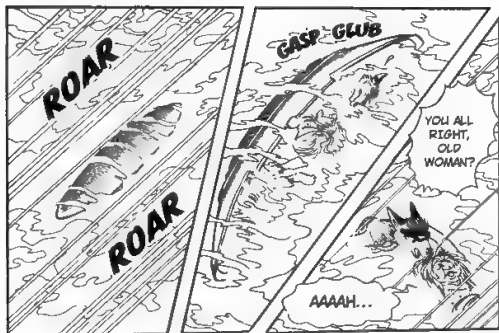


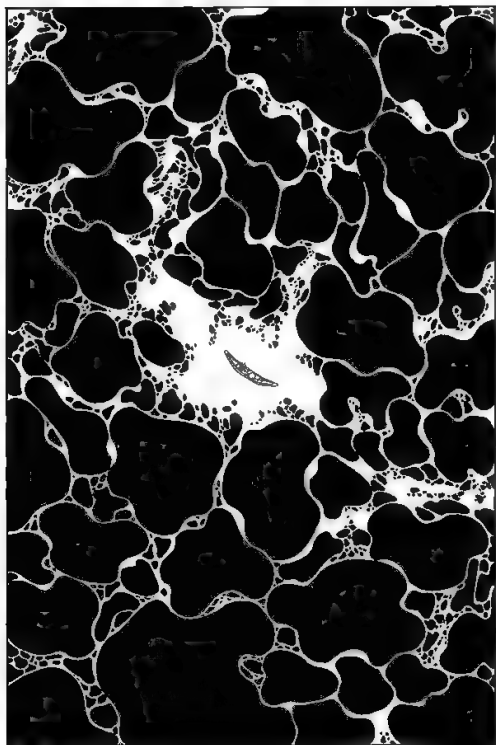


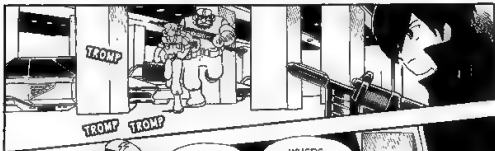
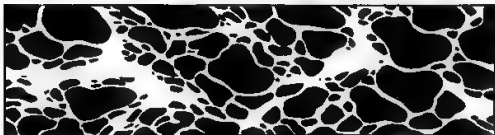
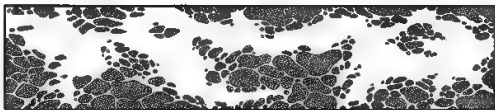
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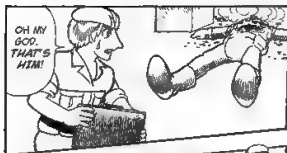


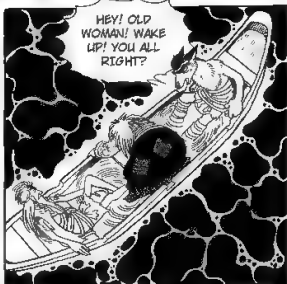
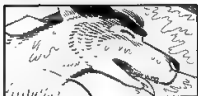
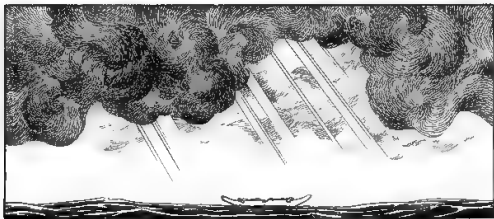
**BAASHAAAAAAM!!!**





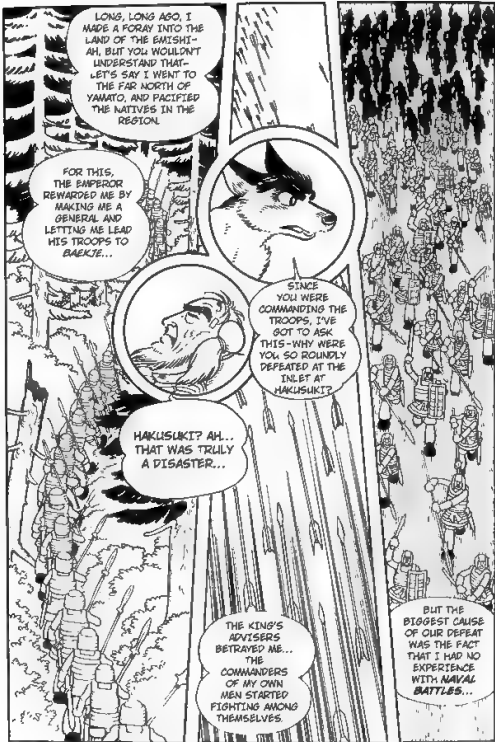






BAEKJE, SILLA, AND GOGURYEO WERE THREE FAMOUS KINGDOMS OF ANCIENT KOREA, KNOWN AS Kudara, Silla, and Koguryeo TO THE JAPANESE.





LONG, LONG AGO, I  
MADE A FORAY INTO THE  
LAND OF THE EMISHI-  
AH, BUT YOU WOULDN'T  
UNDERSTAND THAT-  
LET'S SAY I WENT TO  
THE FAR NORTH OF  
YAMATO, AND PACIFIED  
THE NATIVES IN THE  
REGION.

FOR THIS,  
THE EMPEROR  
REWARDED ME BY  
MAKING ME A  
GENERAL AND  
LETTING ME LEAD  
HIS TROOPS TO  
BAEKJE...



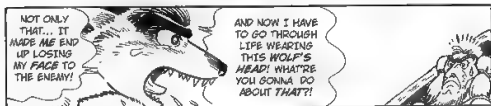
SINCE  
YOU WERE  
COMMANDING THE  
TROOPS, I'VE  
GOT TO ASK  
THIS-WHY WERE  
YOU SO ROUNDLY  
DEFEATED AT THE  
INLET AT  
HAKUSUKI?

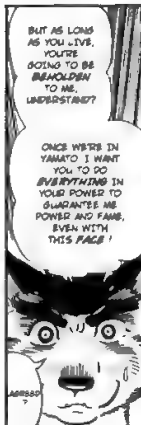
HAKUSUKI? AH...  
THAT WAS TRULY  
A DISASTER...

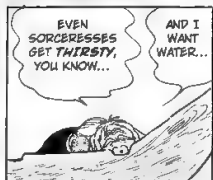
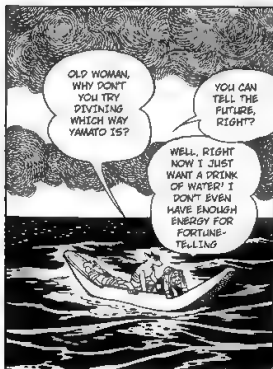
THE KING'S  
ADVISERS  
BETRAYED ME...  
THE  
COMMANDERS  
OF MY OWN  
MEN STARTED  
FIGHTING AMONG  
THEMSELVES.

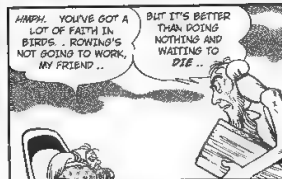
BUT THE  
BIGGEST CAUSE  
OF OUR DEFEAT  
WAS THE FACT  
THAT I HAD NO  
EXPERIENCE  
WITH NAVAL  
BATTLES...

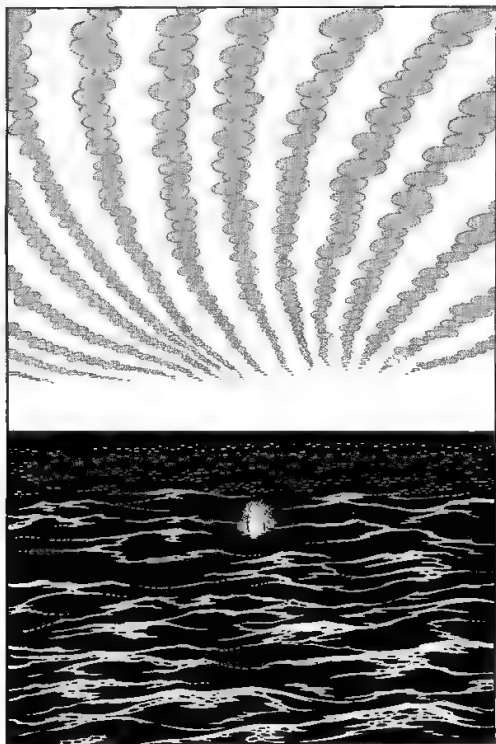


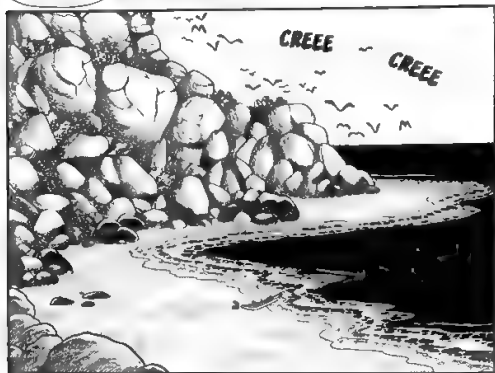
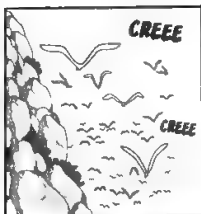


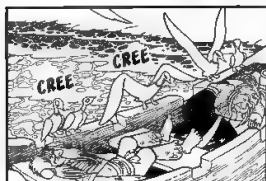
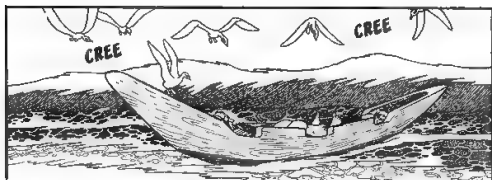


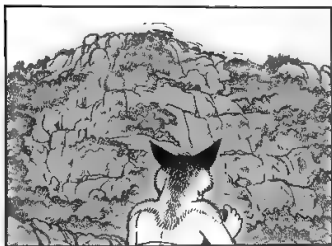




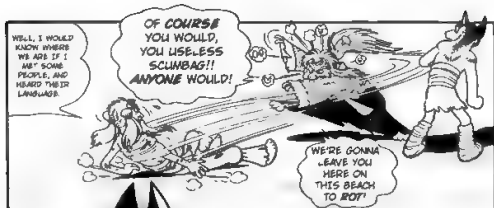


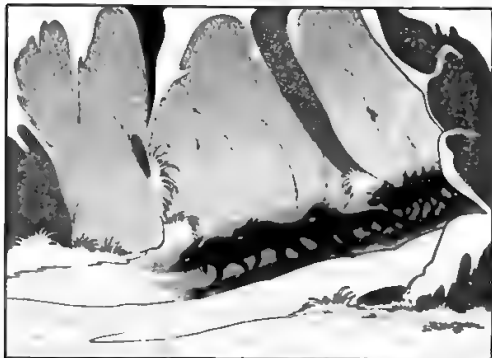






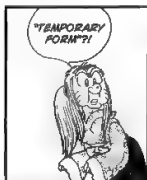






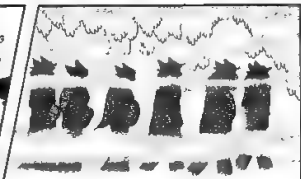


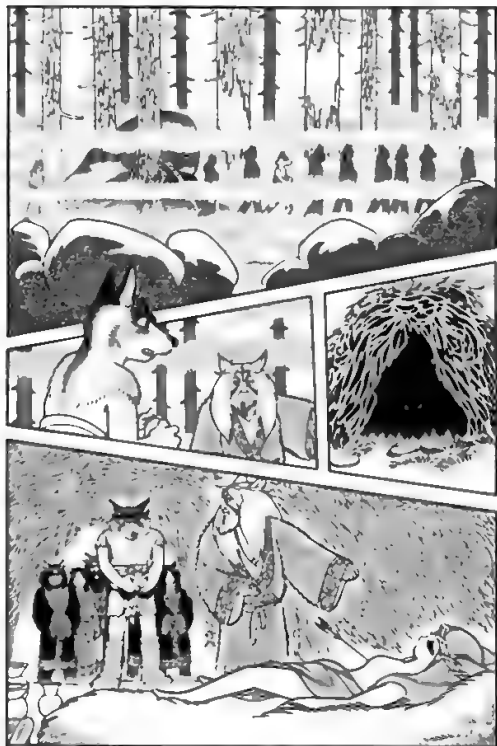






WHAT! THE  
WOLVES ARE  
DISAPPEARING  
INTO THE FOG!

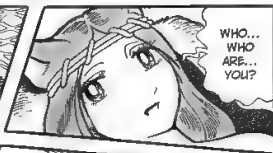


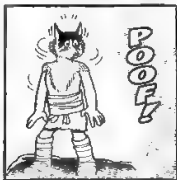
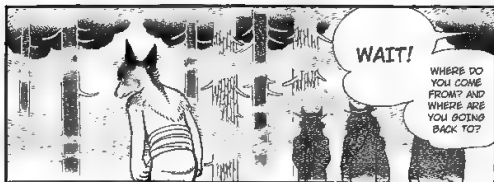


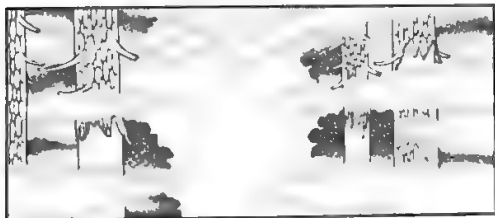


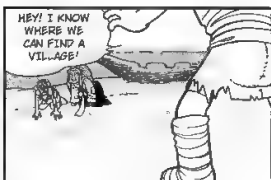
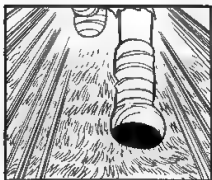












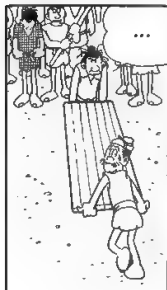


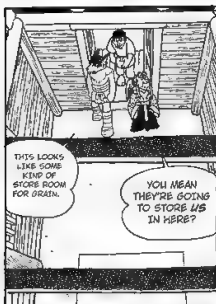
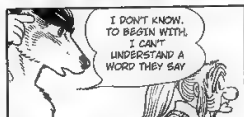
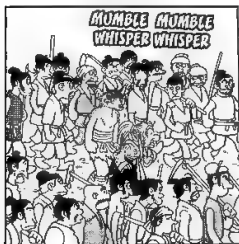


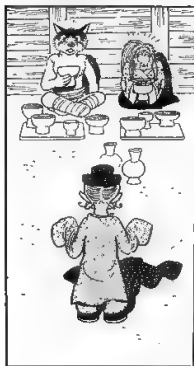


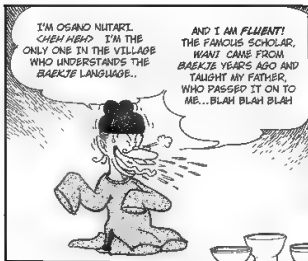


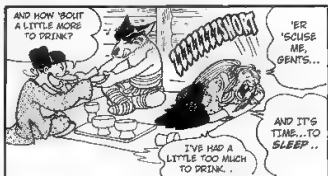
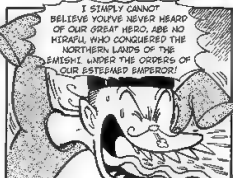
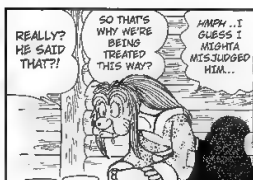






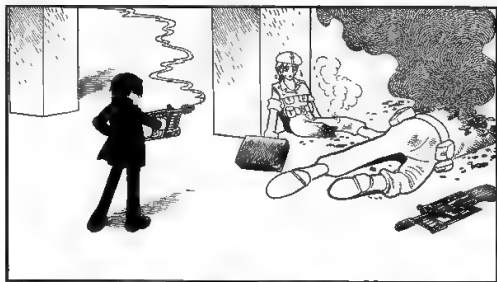


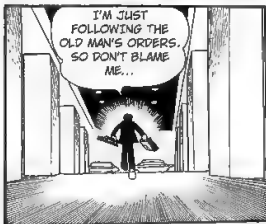
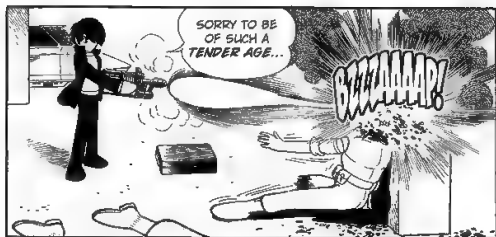


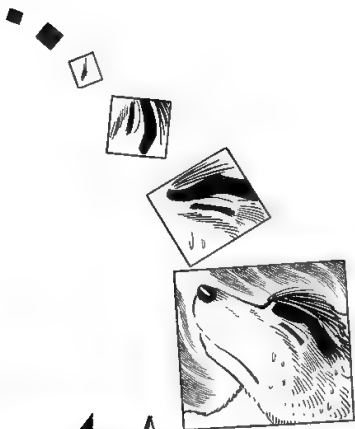


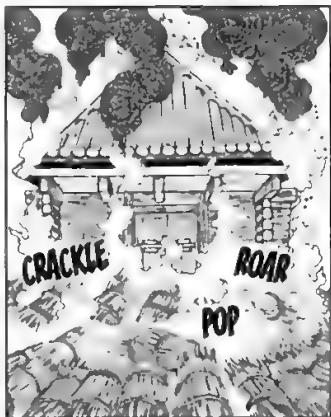


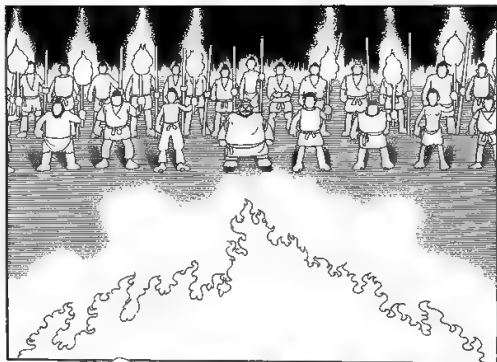












SO THEY  
THOUGHT THEY'D  
GET US DRUNK  
AND THEN **BURN**  
US ALIVE, EH?

**MURDERERS!**  
HOW DARE  
YOU KILL A  
HELPLESS OLD  
WOMAN!?!



**AIEEEK!**



HANG ON  
OLD WOMAN.  
YOU'RE  
BADLY  
BURNED...



BUT I  
WON'T  
LET YOU  
DIE...



I'LL  
SMASH  
THROUGH  
THE  
WALL!



**W-HAM**

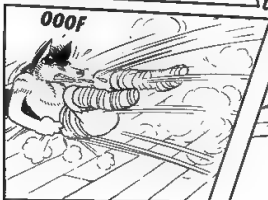


**GRRRR**

**PANT PANT**



**BASH**



**OOOF**

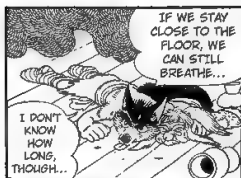


**W  
H  
A  
M**

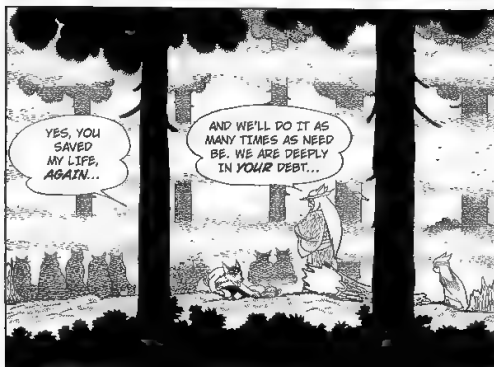
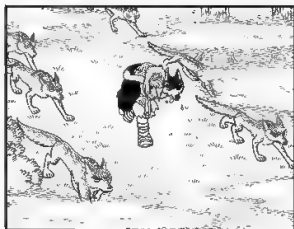


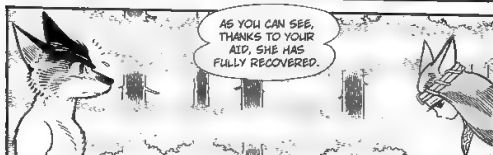
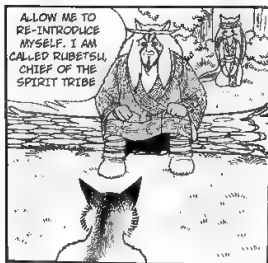
















AND THAT'S WHY  
WE STRIVE TO  
PROTECT ALL  
LIVING THINGS  
IN THIS LAND

HUMANS HAVE  
VARIOUS NAMES  
FOR US THEY  
CALL US "BIRTH  
SPIRITS," "EARTH  
SPIRITS," AND  
"GODS OF THE  
LAND".

SINCE ANCIENT TIMES, HUMANS HAVE  
INVOKED OUR NAMES AND MADE  
OFFERINGS TO US DURING THE  
PLANTING AND HARVEST SEASONS.

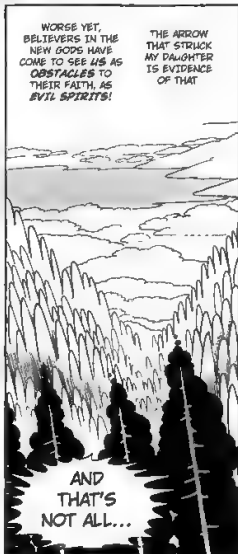
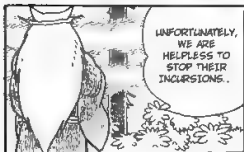


..AND WE, IN TURN, HAVE PROVIDED  
HUMANS WITH RAIN, WATER SOURCES, AND  
TOOLS TO WORK THE LAND TOGETHER  
WITH HUMANS, WE HAVE SHARED IN THE  
JOYS AND SORROWS OF EXISTENCE..

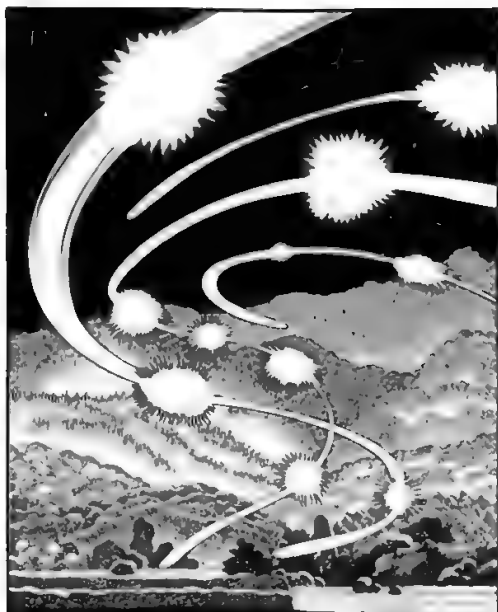
HOWEVER, SOME  
DECADES AGO...  
**FOREIGN DIETIES**  
MADE THEIR WAY TO  
YAMATO...



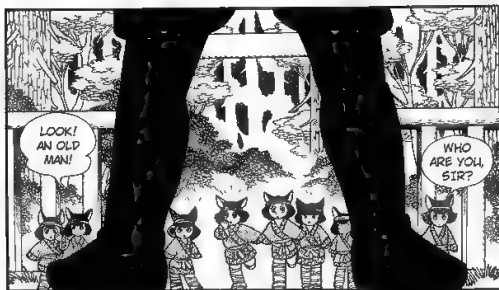
AND, HAVING  
GAINED THE  
PROTECTION OF  
THE EMPEROR,  
THEY IMMEDIATELY  
FORCED THEIR WAY  
INTO EVERY NOOK  
AND CRANNY OF  
OUR LAND...

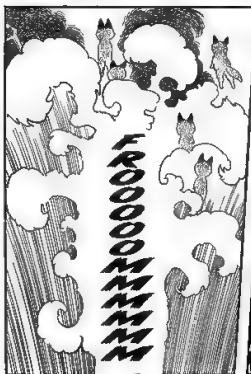






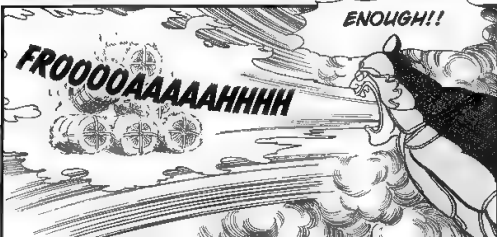
THE FOREIGN  
DIETIES FIRST MADE  
THEIR INCURSION INTO  
OUR CORNER OF THE WORLD  
BUT TEN YEARS AGO...

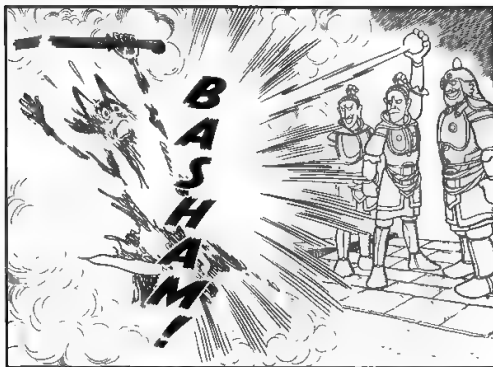


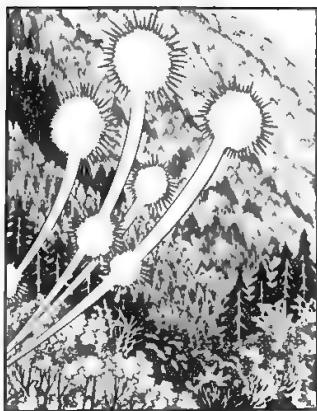
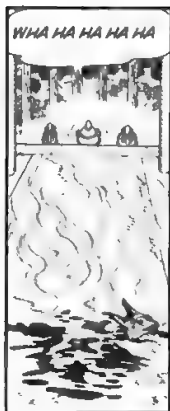
















MOTHER,  
SOMETHING  
AWFUL HAS  
OCCURRED IN  
FATHER'S  
ABSENCE .



I KNOW.. I HEAR THAT THOSE  
FOREIGN DEITIES HAVE  
BEFRIENDED THE HUMAN  
NOBLES...AND THAT THEY ARE  
EXTREMELY POWERFUL...

WELL, WE  
HAVE TO LET  
THEM KNOW  
THAT WE  
DESIRE A  
PEACEFUL  
DIALOG .

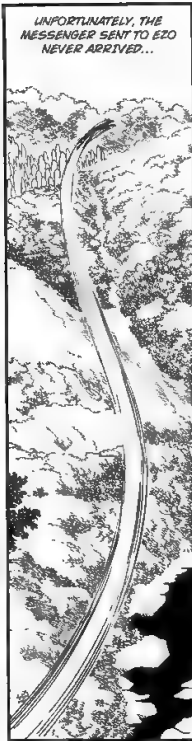


I DON'T THINK  
THAT WOULD  
MEAN MUCH TO  
THEM, MY SON...

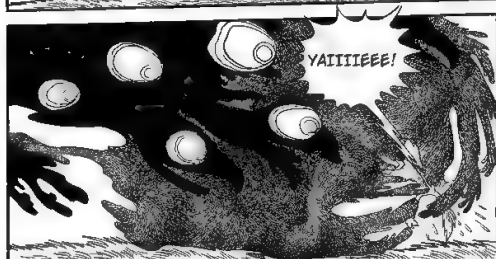
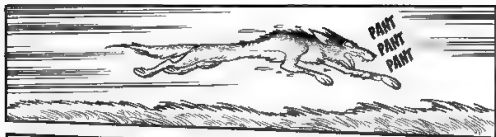


STILL, I'LL  
TRY MY  
BEST...

BUT JUST  
IN CASE,  
I'VE SENT  
WORD FOR  
FATHER TO  
COME BACK  
FROM  
EZO..



UNFORTUNATELY, THE  
MESSENGER SENT TO EZO  
NEVER ARRIVED...





YOU AND  
MOTHER HAD  
BETTER HIDE  
IN THE STONE  
ROOM BEHIND  
THE WATERFALL,  
LITTLE  
SISTER.

NOBIRU!

PLEASE  
PLEASE  
BE  
CAREFUL.

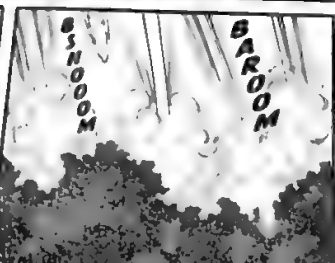
I WILL,  
MARINO.  
BUT I HAVE  
TO WORRY  
ABOUT YOUR  
FUTURE,  
TOO.

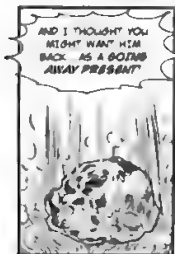
YOU MUST  
NOT LET  
THOSE  
FOREIGN  
DEITIES  
SEE YOU.

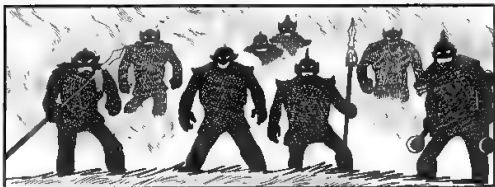


IF I CAN ONLY  
CONVINCE THEM THAT  
WE WANT PEACE,  
THERE MAY BE  
SOME ROOM FOR  
COMPROMISES.

GOOD  
LUCK,  
NOBIRU!  
GOOD  
LUCK!







THIS IS OUR  
HOMELAND. IF  
YOU CREATURES  
WANT TO LIVE  
HERE WITH  
US—WITH THE  
SPIRIT TRIBE—WE  
WILL WELCOME  
YOU WITH OPEN  
ARMS...

BUT WE  
SHALL  
NEVER  
VACATE THIS  
LAND FOR  
YOU WE  
ARE THE  
ORIGINAL  
GUARDIAN  
DEITIES  
OF THIS  
PLACE.



IF THAT'S  
YOUR REPLY,  
YOU ARE  
MORE  
STUPID  
THAN WE  
THOUGHT

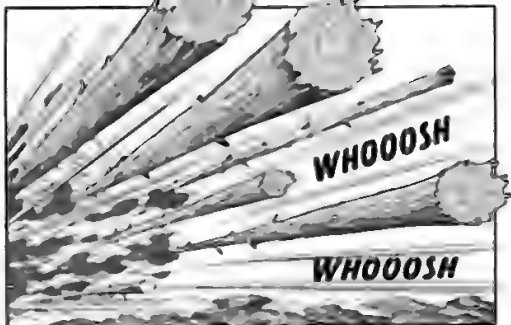
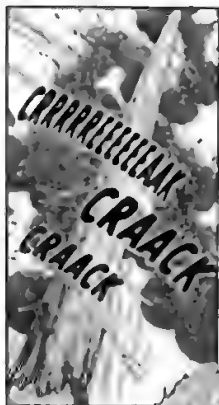
I GUESS  
WE'LL  
JUST HAVE  
TO USE  
FORCE.

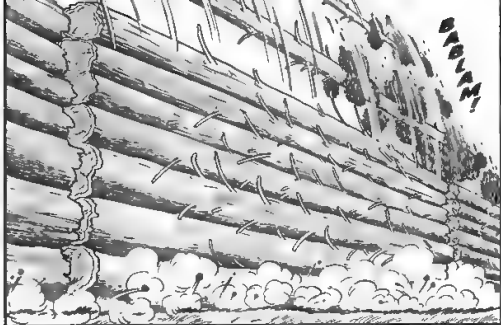


I HAD  
HOPED TO  
AVOID A  
FIGHT  
WITH  
YOU...

WE HAVE  
POWERS  
OF OUR  
OWN,  
YOU  
KNOW...

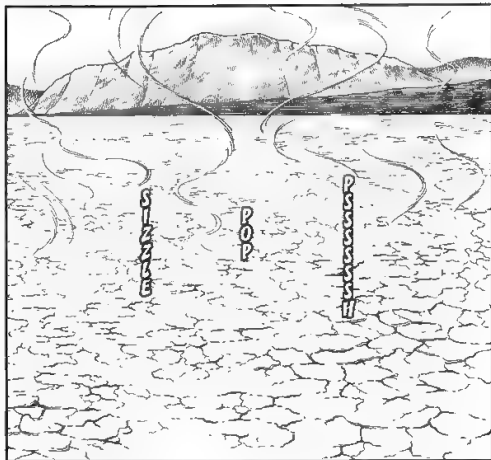
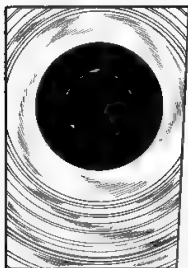


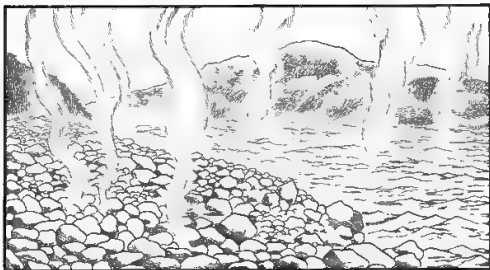












EGADS..  
SO MUCH  
WATER HAS  
EVAPORATED  
THAT THE  
GROUND'S  
CRACKING...



WHA HA  
HA!! A  
BEAUTIFUL  
SIGHT,  
EH?



THIS IS THE  
PUNISHMENT OUR  
LORD DEALS OUT TO  
THOSE WHO  
DISPLEASE HIM!  
**A LIVING  
HELL!!**  
HOW  
DYA  
LIKE  
IT?!



YOU MUST  
**STOP!** IF YOU  
DON'T, THE  
HUMAN BEINGS  
IN THIS AREA  
WILL **DIE!!**



AH, BUT AS  
LONG AS YOU  
DEVILS  
REFUSE TO  
RELINQUISH  
THIS  
TERRITORY  
TO US..

WE SHALL  
GIVE THE  
HUMAN  
INHABITANTS  
A **TRUE**  
TASTE OF  
HELL..

**DROUGHTS!  
STARVATION!**  
ALL WILL  
CONTINUE FOR  
**ETERNITY!**  
HAH HAH HAH!!

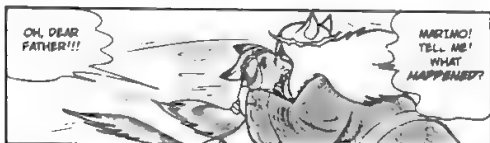




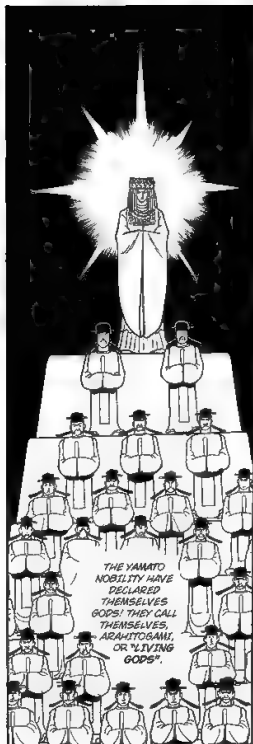


I RETURNED FROM MY  
JOURNEY WITH MY  
KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT HAD  
HAPPENED AND I CALLED  
ON THE TERRIBLE  
CHANGES I SAW IN OUR LAND









THE YAMATO  
NOBILITY HAVE  
DECLARED  
THEMSELVES  
GODS! THEY CALL  
THEMSELVES,  
ARAHITOGAMI,  
OR "LIVING  
GODS".



BUT THAT'S  
NOT RIGHT!  
HOW CAN  
HUMAN BEINGS  
CLAIM TO BE  
OF DIVINE  
DESCENT?



IN EFFECT, AS THE  
EMPEROR HAS  
GIVEN HIMSELF  
A DIVINE  
NAME .



B...BUT  
WHY  
WOULD HE  
DO THAT?

TO GIVE  
HIMSELF  
MORE  
POWER AND  
AUTHORITY,  
OF  
COURSE.

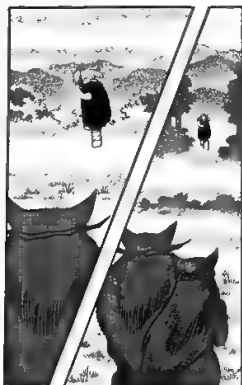


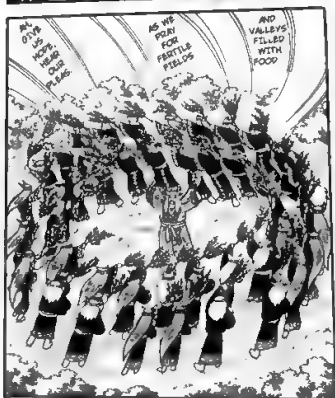
HUH?  
I GET  
IT...HE  
WANTS  
TO BE A  
GOD...

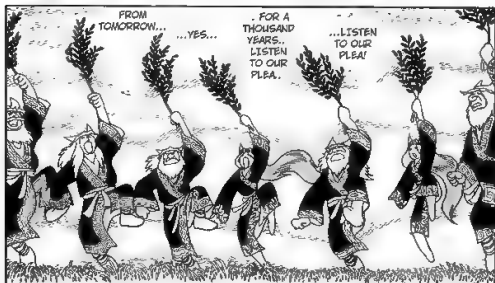
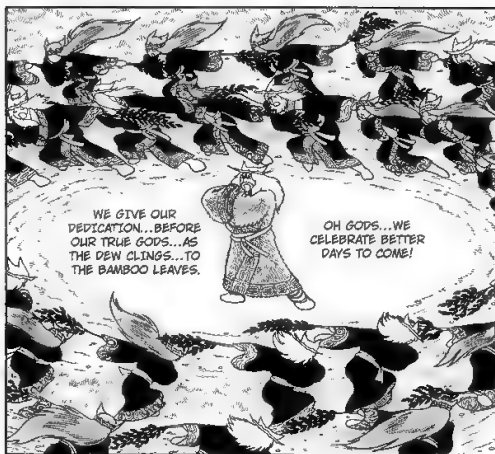






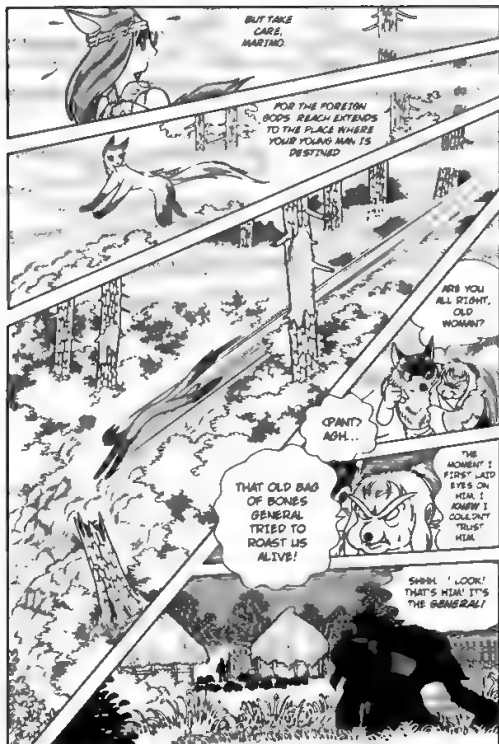


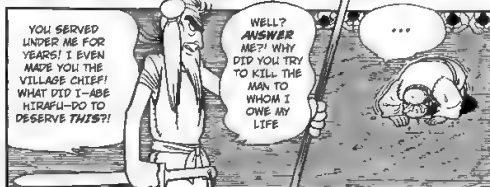


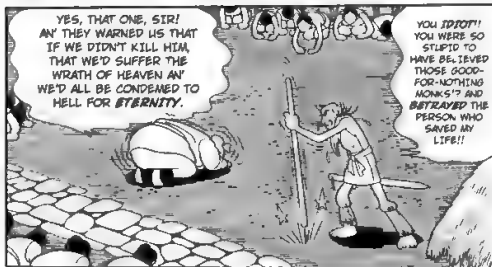


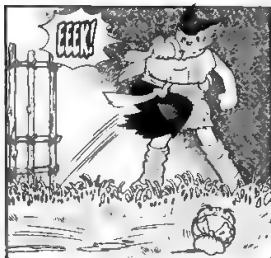


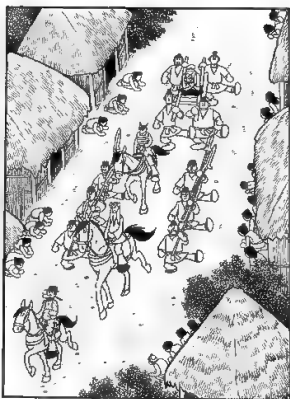
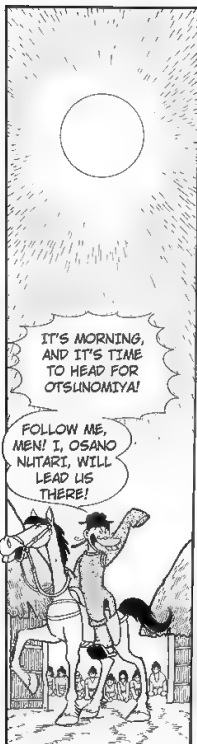


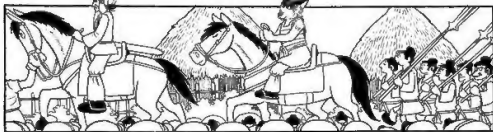












I DO ADMIRE  
YOUR EXCELLENT  
HORSEMANSHIP,  
LORD KUCHI'INU...

FROM MY  
HUMBLE  
PERSPECTIVE,  
YOU SEEM  
AS THOUGH  
YOU ARE  
PROBABLY  
FROM ONE OF  
THE MOST  
NOBLE  
FAMILIES...

AND I CONSIDER IT SUCH A  
GREAT HONOR TO HAVE  
BEEN ORDERED BY OUR  
ESTEEMED GENERAL  
TO  
ACCOMPANY  
YOU...

